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For: RECTANGULAR CONTAINER WITH
COOPERATING VACUUM PANELS AND
RIBS ON ADJACENT SIDES

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.121

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the Non-final Office Action (Office Action) dated October 25, 2004, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Reply.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are needed to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims), and any other fee deficiency are hereby authorized to be charged, any overpayments credited to, our Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 6 of this paper and include both an attached replacement set of drawings and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 13 of this paper.